

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HASHIMOTO, Hiroshi et al.**

Serial No.: **09/960,399**

Group Art Unit: **2714**

Examiner: **Howard Weiss**

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For. **SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND FABRICATION PROCESS
THEREOF**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: May 18, 2004

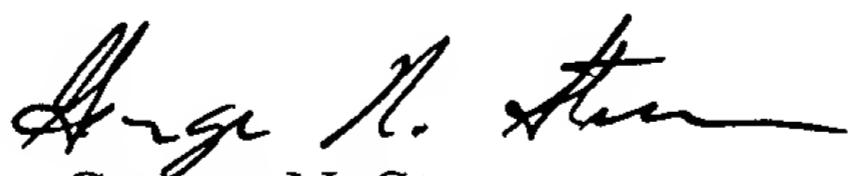
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 for three months from February 19, 2004 to May 19, 2004.

Attached please find a check including the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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